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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

VD1-3057-U

First Inventor

VOELKER, Dean E.

Title

SLIP COUPLING FOR PIPE, et al

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages **35**] (preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **9**]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. Paper
- c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group / Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS
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Name (Print/Type)	R. REAMS GOODLOE, JR.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	32,466
Signature	<i>R. Reams Goodloe</i>	Date	10/16/03

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

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Application Number	N/A	Confirmation No.:	N/A
Filing Date	October 16, 2003		
First Named Inventor	VOELKER, Dean E.		
Examiner Name	Not assigned		
Group / Art Unit	Not assigned		
Attorney Docket No.	VD1-3057-U		

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Account Number 07-1613
Deposit Account Name R. Reams Goodloe, P.S.

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 X Applicant claims small entity status 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001 385 Utility filing fee	385.00
1002	340	2002 170 Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003 265 Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004 385 Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005 80 Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			385.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
85	-20** = 65	X 9	585
Independent Claims 4	- 3** = 1	X 43	43
Multiple Dependent		X 145	145

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Small Entity

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexam.	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840 Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255 1005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): VOELKER, Dean E.

For: (Title): **SLIP COUPLING FOR PIPE, AND METHOD
OF USING A SLIP COUPLING IN
PIPELINES FOR COLLECTION OF
LANDFILL GAS**

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

- Original (nonprovisional)
- Design
- Divisional
- Continuation
- Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121).

- The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s). Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
(Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

18 Pages of specification

16 Pages of claims

9 Sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-18)

The enclosed drawings are photographs(s).
 The enclosed drawings are in color. Three (3) sets of color drawings and a "PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS" are attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 (a) (2) AND § 1.84 (b).
 formal
 informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

 Pages of declaration and power of attorney

 1 Pages of abstract

 Request for Non-publication of application

 x Other (Return Receipt Postcard)

4. Additional papers enclosed

Amendment to claims
 Cancel in this application claims before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
 Add the claims shown on the attached amendment (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims).
 Preliminary Amendment
 Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
 Form PTO-SB08
 Citations

5. Declaration or Oath (including Power of Attorney)

Enclosed

Executed by the inventors
 Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.
 This is the petition required by 37 CFR §1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR §1.47 is also attached.
 Not enclosed

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

The same

Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,

is submitted.

will be submitted.

7. Language

English

8. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to _____

is attached.

A separate COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT
(DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT
APPLICATION or Form PTO 1595 is also attached.

will follow.

This is a continuation divisional application and
the assignment document for the parent application
/ _____ was filed _____ as Reel _____,
Frame _____.

9. Certified Copy

Certified copy(ies) of application(s):

10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

A. Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED			
Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR. §1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(c)) 85 -20=	65	x \$18.00	\$ 1170.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR § 1.16b)) 4 -3=	1	x \$86.00	\$ 86.00
Multiple dependent claims (37 CFR § 1.16) (d))		+ \$290.00	\$ 290.00

Amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed.
 Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.
 Fee for extra claims not being paid at this time.

FILING FEE CALCULATION: \$ 2316.00

B. Design application

(\$340.00 - 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f))

FILING FEE CALCULATION: \$ _____

11. Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of A, B, or C above).

\$ 1158.00

12. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

Not enclosed.
 No filing fee is to be paid at this time.

Enclosed

Filing Fee: \$ 1158.00
 Recording Assignment \$ 75.00 RRG
(\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21 (h)) 10/16/03

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14. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

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37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a)).
 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b)).

15. Instructions as to Overpayment

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Date: October 16, 2003



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